

## FOREWORD.

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The Constitution of Texas included in this edition of the Texas Legislative Manual is an exact copy of the original of 1876 with amendments, including those adopted on August 23, 1937. Spelling, punctuation, et cetera, will be found exactly as in the original documents on file in the office of the Secretary of State. The section headings have been added for convenience, and do not appear in the originals. Two sections numbered 16 appear in Article 7 because both were adopted as such through error, the first Section 16, an amendment, evidently having been overlooked when the second Section 16 was proposed and adopted. These sections deal with entirely different subjects.

The Rules of the House of Representatives, Forty-fifth Legislature, were revised before adoption, several new rules being framed to describe procedure which previously had been followed only by custom, and many points, in question because of conflicting decisions in the past, were clarified.

Congressional precedents appearing in recent editions of the Manual were revised and supplemented, the new precedents being taken from *Cannon's Precedents of the House of Representatives*, the recently published extension of *Hinds' Precedents of the House of Representatives* which gives Congressional precedents up to 1904. The new work covers the period from 1904 to 1935. Wherever Congressional precedents appear in the rules of either the House or the Senate they are followed by the reference, e. g., (H. P., V, 5760) or (C. P., VIII, 3070). The first part of the reference is to Hinds' Precedents or to Cannon's Precedents, the second to the volume, and the last to the section.

The general arrangement of annotations and precedents given in the Rules of the House and in the Rules of the Senate is as follows: Following a particular rule, first appears any annotation found to be necessary or helpful. All annotations are in brackets. After the annotation, if any, will be found, in smaller type, Texas legislative prece-

dents. These have italicized headings. Following the Texas legislative precedents, if any, appear the Congressional precedents in point or closely related. Where necessary, annotations in brackets have been placed in the Congressional precedents to aid in their interpretation in the light of Texas legislative practice.

The Joint Rules of the House and Senate appearing herein are those which were adopted by the two houses but which met with the disapproval of the Governor. See the annotation following the Joint Rules.

All of the indexes contained herein have been revised, and enlarged to increase the usefulness of this edition of the Texas Legislative Manual.

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